

1. IN LATE OCTOBER, A [2 WORDS ILLEG] OFFICER WHO STANDS GUARD DUTY AT THE PEOPLES [ILLEG] WHERE PRESIDENT JAFIZULLAH AMIN HAS HIS OFFICE WAS ARRESTED WHEN HE TRIED TO SNEAK A PISTOL INTO AN [ILLEG] THE PALACE WHERE NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED, [ILLEG] THOSE CARRIED BY AMIN'S PERSONAL BODYGUARDS. INTERROGATION OF THE KHALQI OFFICER INDICATES HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO HIDE THE PISTOL IN THE PROHIBITED AREA PRIOR TO ITS BEING USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE AMIN. (SUB-SOURCE COMMENT: PRIOR TO AMIN'S [ILLEG] OF POWER FROM TARAKI. TRUSTED KHALQI OFFICERS, SIMILAR TO THE ARRESTED OFFICER WERE PERMITTED TO CARRY WEAPONS IN THE PRESENCE OF AMIN AND TARAKI. SINCE AMIN'S ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY, ALL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN [ILLEG] FROM CARRYING WEAPONS IN THE AREA OF THE PALACE WHERE AMIN LIVES AND WORKS. AFGHAN VISITORS TO THE PALACE ARE CHECKED AT LEAST [ILLEG] WITH BOTH BODY SEARCHES AND METAL DETECTORS. A METAL DETECTOR LOCATED THE PISTOL THE KHALQI HID [ILLEG] IN HIS BODY.)

2. ON ABOUT 31 OCTOBER, TWO [ILLEG] (SOURCE COMMENT: PROBABLY [ILLEG]) WERE STOPPED AT THE PASS IMMEDIATELY BEYOND THE PETROL STORAGE TANKS IN THE [ILLEG] PASS LOAN [ILLEG] IMMEDIATE OPPOSITE OF KABUL. THE MOTORS WERE STOPPED [WORDS ILLEG] ARMY UNIFORMS [ILLEG] WERE [ILLEG] WITH ONE OF THE MOTORS DRIVING APPEARS TO BE [ILLEG] FOR A SON, HE WAS SHOT BETWEEN THE EYES. THE REBELS ROBBED THE PASSENGERS AND THEN FLED INTO THE [ILLEG] HILLS.

3. ACQ: AFGHANISTAN, JABUL (2 NOVEMBER 1979),  
FIELD REPORT NO. NBK-4138.

4. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY AND DATT AT KABUL. SENT TO LONDON, ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, KARACHI, TEHRAN, JIDDA, CINCEUR, CINCUSAREUR, CINCUSNAVEUR, CINCUSAFE, CONSIXTHFLT, COMIDEASTEUR, COMFAIRMED, CINCSAC, CINCPAC, CSQ, IPAC, PACAF, PACFLT, USNMEPE, SHAPE FOR GENERAL ROGERS. REPORT CLASS SECRET WARNING NOTICE - INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED - NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS - NOT RELEASABLE TO CONTRACT OR CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANTS DISSEMINATION AND RETRACTION OF INFORMATION CONTROLLED BY ORIGINATOR. [WORDS ILLEG] BY RECORDER REPORTING OFFICE. ALL PORTIONS CARRY CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROLS OF OVERALL DOCUMENT.

REPORT CLASS B H C R N T WHITEL NOBLE POTENTIAL OF GROUND  
COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN.

SUBJECT: 1. APPARENT ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT  
NAFISULLAH AWIN.

2. AMOUNT OF NEWS RE OFFICERS RE CASE.  
(NOT: LATE OCTOBER 1979)

SOURCE: A WOULD-BE ATAFI WISIVANT OFFICER WHOSE  
REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUBSTANTIATED. HE  
ACQUIRED THIS INFORMATION FROM AN AFGHAN ARMY  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

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NAFISULLAH AWIN IS IN HIS OFFICE WAS ASSURED THAT  
HE THING TO BEHOLD A BIRTH INTO AN ARMY THE PLACE  
WHERE NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED. EXCEPT FOR A CAR IN AWIN'S  
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